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**Via ECFS**

December 2, 2016

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: In the Matter of Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, WC Docket No. 11-42, **Notice for Forbearance from Lifeline Broadband Internet Access Service Requirements.**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to the Lifeline Modernization Order ("Order"),<sup>1</sup> Mid-Tex Cellular Ltd. ("Mid-Tex") hereby avails itself of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission") grant of forbearance from the requirement to provide broadband Internet access service ("BIAS") as a Lifeline service. Mid-Tex may, however, voluntarily decide to offer and receive reimbursement for providing Lifeline-supported BIAS in all of the areas in which it is designated an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC"). Pursuant to the guidance provided in Public Notice DA 16-1316,<sup>2</sup> Mid-Tex provides the following information.

**ETC Name:** Mid-Tex Cellular, Ltd.

**ETC Designation Orders:**

Docket No. 30666 - Application of Mid-Tex Cellular Ltd for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunication Carrier (ETC) Pursuant to P.U.C. Substantive Rule 26.418, approved by the Public Utility Commission of Texas on August 9, 2005.

Docket No. 39000 - Application of Mid-Tex Cellular Ltd to Amend Designation as an Eligible Telecommunication Carrier (ETC) Pursuant to P.U.C. Substantive Rule 26.418 and for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Provider Pursuant to P.U.C. Substantive Rule 26.417, approved by the Public Utility Commission of Texas on March 2, 2011.

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<sup>1</sup> See *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization et al.*, WC Docket No. 11-42 et al., Third Report and Order, Further Report and Order, and Order on Reconsideration, 31 FCC Rcd 3962 (2016) ("Lifeline Modernization Order").

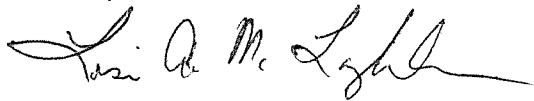
<sup>2</sup> Public Notice, "Wireline Competition Bureau Provides Guidance Regarding Filing Procedures for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Seeking to Invoke Forbearance Granted By Lifeline Modernization Order," DA 16-11316 (rel. Nov. 22, 2016).

**Type of Designation:** Competitive Eligible Telecommunications Carrier receiving frozen, phased-down, High-cost support

**Forbearance Area:** Mid-Tex avails itself of blanket forbearance throughout the entire geographic areas in which it is designated an ETC, which includes the rural telephone company study areas of Coleman County Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and Totelcom Communications, LLC, which include the wire centers of: Burkett, Desdemona, Lake Coleman, Mozelle, Rockwood, Santa Anna, Valera, Carlson, De Leon, Gorman, Newberg, Olden, Proctor and Sidney. In addition, Mid-Tex received ETC designation in twelve non-rural telephone company wire centers served by Verizon Southwest, including: Miles, Rowena, Ballinger, Winters, Coleman, Lake Brownwood, Bangs, Brownwood, Zephyr, Blanket, Comanche, Goldthwaite, and Gustine. Attachment A is an Excel document listing the 15-digit census blocks, including FIPS codes, for the areas where Mid-Tex invokes Lifeline BIAS forbearance. Mid-Tex has made every effort to comprehensively list all areas where it is an ETC. In the event that any areas were inadvertently omitted from Attachment A, Mid-Tex reserves the right to supplement this filing to make administrative corrections to Attachment A.

For questions relating to this filing If you have any questions, please call me at (512) 338-0473.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mr. Mike Higgins, Jr., General Manager  
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